



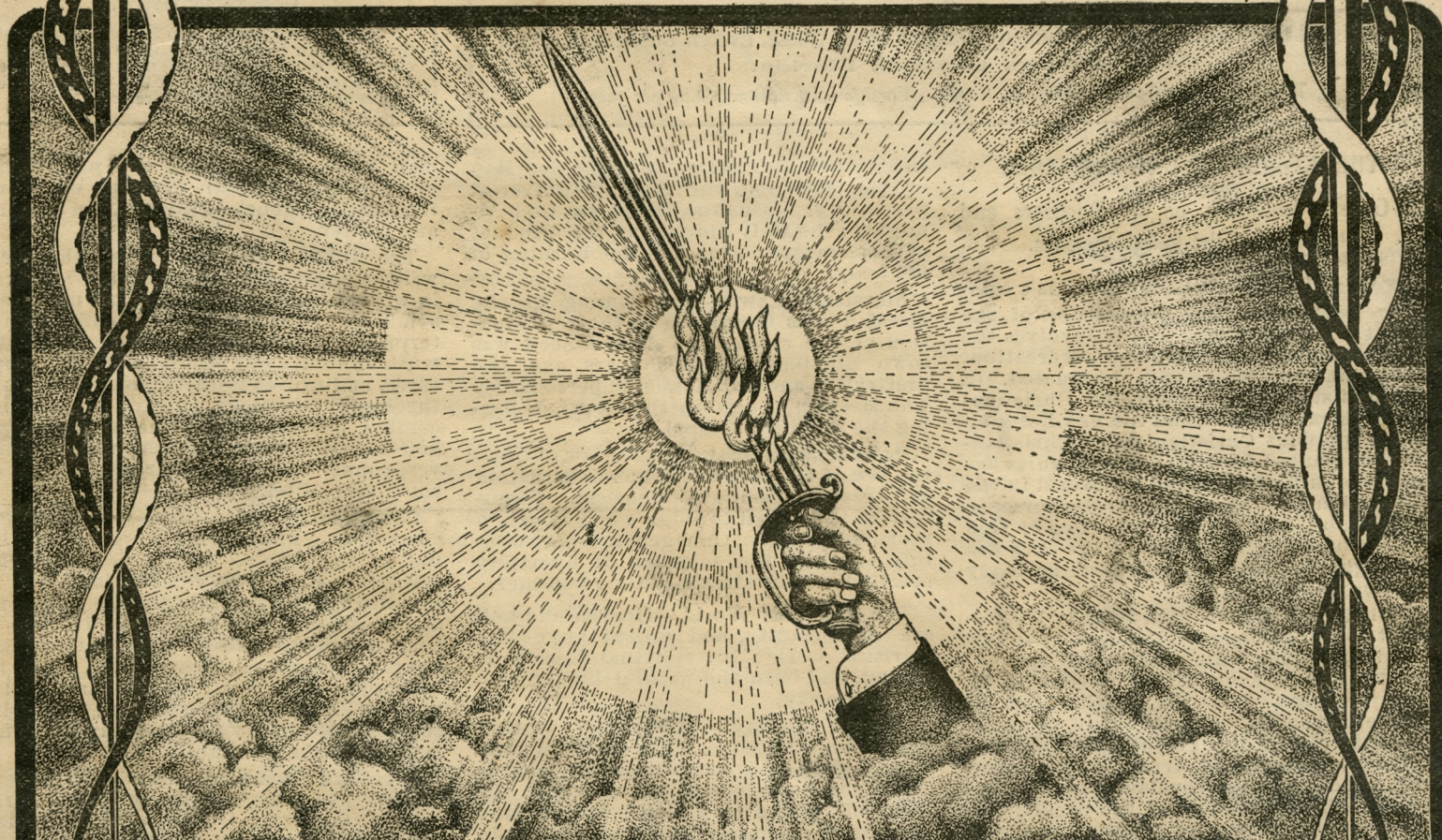
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## THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

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**Theology.**—God is personal and biune, with a triunity of specific attributes. God

in his perfection and power is the God-Man or the Man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

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**Reincarnation** is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

**The Spiritual World.**—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity—not in the sky.

**Human Destiny.**—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

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# The Flaming Sword

*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## The Great Stone of Fire.

The Sign of the Lord's Coming and the Culminating Conflagration; the Life of God in the Sinful Church; the Burning of the Wicked.

KORESH.

"Behold, I will send my Messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi [Levi signifies conjunction], and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."—Mal. iii: 1-3.

"For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."—Mal. iv: 1.

IN THE FOREGOING texts, two distinct predictions are made, neither of which has been fulfilled in the past. These predictions are, first, the positive assertion that the Messenger of the Covenant shall be sent as the preparer of the way of the Lord. In this preparation the Messenger sits as a refiner and purifier of *silver*. Silver signifies doctrine. The first office of the Messenger is to separate the silver from its dross, thus bringing to light the pure gospel of life. In his mission he cleanses the sons of Levi as *gold*, life or affection, and *silver*, truth or intellection. Second: He brings the fire that burns as an oven, by which all who do wickedly shall be left neither root nor branch.

Who is this Messenger of the Covenant? He certainly is the BRANCH. If the Branch, he must necessarily be the reproduction of the Root, who is Christ the Lord. He is, therefore, both Root and Branch. For what does he come? His office is a sacrifice by which a fire

is kindled, beginning with himself. This kindling and fire constitute the theocrasis, by which his personality is consumed. This being the culmination of the Lord's sacrifice for the world, neither the Root (Christ) nor the Branch (CYRUS) will remain. Thus Root and Branch are consumed in CYRUS, the Messenger of the Covenant. But what has this to do with such as do wickedly? Did the Lord Christ in his coming nineteen hundred years ago, or does CYRUS the Messenger now, do wickedly?

Jesus came into the world to be eaten by the world. Modern Christianity denies this. What does the Lord say about it? "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting [age-lasting] life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." "Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."

"Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." "The Jews then murmured at him." "Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me except the Father [who was in the Lord Christ] which hath sent me draw him: and I



will raise him up at the last day." At the last day, then, or at the end of the age, is the time when they come to him, and the time when they will in no wise be cast out.

The law of appropriation or eating is, that the substance eaten is transformed to the body making the appropriation. The church which ate the body and drank the blood of the Lord (through his theocrasis) was a sinful church, and was not to come into life until raised up at the last day, or end of the *aion*; that is, dispensation or age. The power which was to raise up, was the life of God which the church, as the Grand Man or the sinful body of Christ, had eaten. God will not effect the resurrection by being out of man, as an extrinsic force, but by being an intrinsic potency of transformation, converting the body of sin to the body of righteousness, through the power of the bread and wine; namely, the Lord's flesh and blood, transmitted to the world through the theocrasis, which was the conversion of his person to Holy Spirit.

It is a fundamental doctrine of Koreshanity that the Lord, in passing down by the operation of the Spirit into the humanity, as the life of God, was transformed, in the sinful church or body, to sin. Thus was fulfilled the declaration made of him: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Cor. v: 21.) When is he made the righteousness of God in him? When he should raise us up at the last day; certainly not before that, otherwise the doctrine of the resurrection is a farce. Did the Lord Christ become sin in the race? Read what Ezekiel says of him: "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus [Tyus signifies *rock*], and say unto him, thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, [bear in mind that it is said of Jesus, 'him hath God the Father sealed,'] full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty." This could be said of none but Christ the Lord.

"Thou hast been in Eden, the Garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold." These ten stones are but the ten truths or principles of the Decalogue; the ten natural laws of life, the laws of God which constitute the foundation of natural immortality. These, Jesus the Lord possessed in the Garden, before the fall and disintegration came. "The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed [Christ or Messiah] cherub that covereth [impregnates for immortality], and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire." Enoch was a stone of fire—translation or theocrasis. Noah was a stone of fire. Moses, Elias, and

Jesus were stones of fire. CYRUS is also a stone of fire.

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Now all this refers to the Lord in his descent into the world, that is, into the corruptible body of the church, through which he is born as the man of sin; that is, the man who took upon himself the sins of the world. The Lord does this, not by the assumption of the divine-humanity as he appeared nineteen hundred years ago, but by passing down through that divine-humanity into the sensual human, that he could become, through his fall, the resurrection of the dead.

Let us examine still more critically this question of the destruction of the wicked. The wicked shall be destroyed, root and branch. Said Jesus, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." Again he said, "I am the Root and the offspring of David." The Lord was the Root. He became the Branch by his descent into the church by his descent into it; thus the Root and Branch in the church, is the Lord's body. Is the church righteous or wicked? This question may be made a general or a personal one. Is the church today righteous or wicked? Are its members righteous or wicked? He who says he is without sin is a liar, and the truth is in him. But this might not always apply. We say it will apply, so long as he who hath the power of death consigns men, women, and children to corruptible graves.

The wicked are to be destroyed, root and branch. "For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Thus we pray that the divine fire, the second baptism, may come and burn up the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in us, that the wicked in us shall not be left, neither root nor branch; that there be nothing left in us to indicate that we have either father or mother, the beginning of days or end of years, but that we may enter by the fire of conjunction into that eternal order of Melchizedek of which the Lord Christ was the High Priest.

#### Joseph's Stick in Ephraim's Hand.

The stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim constituted the central magnet of attraction for the stick of Judah in the hand of Judah; and the progress of their union and final reincarnation is marked by periodical manifestations of mental prodigies on Time's traditional and historic dial. God is making for himself a man. In him he collects the heroism of all men; and while in his conflicts with men and armies he signals forth the prowess of the conqueror, in him no victory is so great, no achievement so commendable, no triumph so glorious as the conquest of his own soul and his victory over self.



## New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

### THE GREAT QUESTION OF THE AGE.

The Advent and Mission of the Messiah; What the Anointed Personality Involves, and the Substance He Imparts.

THE RECOGNITION of the Messianic personality of the age is the first expression of a desire for perfection. The artistic perfection of human character has been the theme to inspire many singers. Traits of beauty have been discerned and nobility of motive found in many men of this age and of the past. Symmetry of character is not found. Great faults beset the poets, the musicians, even those who have done mighty works. They are not the saviors of the race.

The Messianic personality holds his office by virtue of his inherent love for humanity. How could he have this love were he not related to it through the ramifications of racial descent, as well as by the involution of forces destined to save the world? In every age there comes a man chosen by the Almighty to be the continent of his own life. He is the intimate friend of the Almighty for he understands his purposes and is negative to his influences. In other words he comes into the delights of freedom. God renews himself from the race; so in choosing this man to involve himself, God provides for the substances of his own renewal. The Man stands as it were between two fires, for he has an influx from the highest spheres together with the traits derived from the race.

The interest felt in the poets, philosophers, and statesmen is of a more or less transitory nature. It is in proportion to the volume of their service, and they are loved because they minister to the happiness of more men than others; but they do not contribute to lift the race to the same level as the Messianic personality. No one of the great men who figure on the world's roll of fame could at any time have said of himself with any degree of truth, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Why not? Because they are not instinct with life, and will be obliged to see corruption like other men. These men are not saviors because they must die themselves.

But the Messianic personality involves the complementary entities needed to fill out, to round out the artistic expression of human life. No person is able to express symmetrical beauty on account of the fact that human beings are fragments cast off from the divine and projected into the spheres of experience, where they suffer in the absence of their kindred in the spiritual spheres. Segregation means death. Humanity in the separated state, where males and females are in diverse forms, is not able to attract the entities of the interior spheres. It devolves upon the Messianic personality to put it into rapport with the celestial spheres. He is attractive to the lower and sensual humanity on the one side, and to the celestial influx on the other. He is able to

impart to the world the very substance of life through his knowledge of the properties of matter. Thus he escapes death and in passing out kindles the fire which is said to burn up the world (the human world).

The want of symmetry that is found in the great men who kindle enthusiasm by their virtues expressed on some specific line, is due to their incompleteness. They are not in possession of the spiritual entities which have belonged to them in the past both in the spheres of human life and in the divine. The intermediary function is to reassemble and to blend. The Messiah involves the spiritual life of the past, and through this function he is the great magnet. His charm is seen for those who are related to him. He brings back their own to the souls astray from God in the realms of thought where God is not. He fills up the gap in human existence by bringing it into contact with angelic purity and super-sensual bliss.

The substance of life comes from the dematerialization of the visible body of the Messianic person. Could it be imparted in any other manner than through the translation of a man it would be no example of the central law of the universe; for it is found that the transformation of matter to spirit and of spirit to matter is at the heart of Nature. The change of the visible body of the Messiah from matter to spirit gives the spiritual entities polarized in him liberty to seek their related spheres of attraction.

The first subject of interest for the world, when a person announces himself as the Messiah, is to differentiate his claims. How to distinguish between the true and the false—this is the source of great unrest. There is an infallible test by which to distinguish between the various claimants. The right one will be known to his own followers by their love for himself. He will be in possession of the laws that govern translation.

The devotees of the cult known as "Christian science" do not speak of the personality of the Messiah, but of the "Christ-principle." A principle without a person to exposit it, seems a strange anomaly. Would the principle of geometry ever have come into the world without a person to formulate its propositions? No principle ever gained expression except through a person. Principles are not running about the streets to be embraced. Without the operation of the Messianic law, operative in the personal Messiah, no "Christ-principle" would have been found.

To embrace the "Christ-principle," would mean to practice the doctrines taught by the Christ nineteen hundred years ago, which include practical communism and the destruction of modern commercialism. The devotees of the cult named above do not in any way adhere to these practical commands of the personal Jesus, and the principle they observe so closely is vitiated in their teachings as well as in the modern church.

The differentiation of the Messianic personality from all others in a given cycle of years is one of the most important as well as one of the greatest decisions. To compass his physical destruction, the wise and the great band themselves together on account of







"The Sensitive Plant."—Shelley as Poet and Reformer.

THE MASTERPIECES of English literature have held their places in the affection of the world. They have been discussed and rediscussed until it seems sometimes as if the last word had been heard on any one of them. At the same time there is often a thought to be communicated which may touch a new string causing it to vibrate in consonance with the universe of truth.

There are some bards distinguishable for their melody, others for the abruptness of their speech and the rugged intensity of their thought. Now and then may be found one like Shelley who responds to the purely rhythmical as well as to the deeper conceptions of poetic art. "The Sensitive Plant" is exquisitely musical. Its harmonies are of "linked sweetness long drawn out," but at the same time, it embodies very clearly a thought—that of universal devastation wrought through death. It is the work of one whose soul was keenly alive to all the harmonies of Nature, and who marked every shade of difference between her smallest objects. The poetic imagery of every line where the choice of words seems to paint pictures in the reader's mind gives satisfaction and pleasure. The beautiful description of the garden and the fair spirit which presided over its destinies, is in startling contrast with the havoc wrought through her death and the dying season.

The conclusion is in some respects the least important of the divisions of the poem, though it is gracefully done. The real thought lies in the recognition of the conscious dependence of one kingdom upon another and the terrible destruction in both kingdoms by the same agent. The flowers knew when the funeral train passed by and felt their loss.

The sensitive plant is typical of a spirit finely touched to finer issues, but it had its part in the general decay. So did Shelley; the lovely spirit himself faded from earth, leaving some of the most exquisite songs in a minor key. The poet's voice is silent now and his lute unstrung. His grave is never shown without a sigh for the premature death which was so tragic in the minds of his contemporaries. His life meant nothing but suffering, for the sensitive plants that shiver at the touch of a strange hand are a type of the true poet.

The poetical aspect of Shelley's character was no stronger than his passion for reform. He had to encounter as many obstacles as were needed to develop his capacities—and in the matter of reform, who does not meet with obstacles? Certainly not one who runs counter to established theology so far as to denounce the man-made god of the dictators of thought and call him the "Almighty fiend." Injudicious as some of Shelley's movements were and deeply to be deplored, yet was he in his heart the advocate of the people, moved by their distresses, dim-eyed at their sorrows, working for them in his own way to demolish idols and fetiches in the market-place.

"The Sensitive Plant" shows Shelley's lyric endow-

ment; and it also shows that he had no sympathy with the modern sentimentalism over sin and death. The horrible aspect of the garden overgrown with weeds and decaying plants is a true picture of the foulness of a world that prefers to die and calls the grave the portal of immortality. Shelley's passion for reform kept alive his hope of the golden age, for as all agree, that happy time is one of the themes of his verse. He recurs to it often and loved to see it as a possibility.

The perfect fruition of the ages past, is it not seen in this dream of poets and sages coming to be realized in the birth of a new nation which shall sanctify and glorify the earth? The kingdom of God will come in its beauty and its power. Then shall death be destroyed which put all things under him.

#### The New Testament Doctrine of Immortality.

THE MEMBERS of the modern Christian church claim succinctly that immortality is to be reached through corruptible dissolution. They claim that death has been instituted for the purpose of inducting them into the presence of the Almighty, and that his provision for the race does not include anything similar to the Lord's translation operative in themselves.

Immortality as a doctrine of the Christian church, is shown in as many as six passages in the New Testament. An examination of these passages shows that immortality is predicated of none but "the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see." (I Tim. vi: 15, 16.) If no man can see the Immortal One, it must be that he is above the plane of mortality. The subsequent statements (II Tim. i: 10 and Rom. ii: 7) to the effect that Jesus Christ "brought life and immortality to light through the gospel;" also that God "will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, and honor, and immortality; eternal life," show that ordinary men are to be transformed into the image of the invisible One.

Immortality is, then, something to be attained. The remaining passages relating to immortality are found in I Cor. xv: 53, 54. Here is where the modern church finds the Koreschan authority from a Biblical view-point, for the doctrine that immortality or the Arch-natural state, is not to be reached by death. The Apostle says absolutely that this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.

Now who can contend that to lie down in the grave and see corruption is to put on incorruption? Is not the Apostle's statement a clear refutation of the position taken by the church in its declension, that man becomes immortal through the grave? Read the inspiring words of the Apostle that death is swallowed up in victory. Does it show the triumph over death when we see him gloating over the form of his victim lying supine before him? The triumph of death is seen in every coffin lid shut down upon its occupant.



The wonderful doctrine of immortality as proclaimed through Koreshanity is the hope of the world today. It has inspired the Prophets and Apostles of the past. It was brought to light in the Gospel by the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The spirit shall return to God who gave it." This is a passage quoted by a modern Christian to support his belief that no such change as passing out alive is in store for the members of Christ's church. The Lord Jesus was planted in the race at the beginning of the age. This was by means of his translation; and spiritual entities of a higher character were implanted in the human will. At the end of the age, the same spirit will come up in the resurrection to meet that of the Lord, and will return to its Giver.

#### The Question of the Nature of Disease.

THERE ARE five or six questions to be settled at the present day. One relates to the nature of disease. What is it in its essence? "A germ," is the answer. "A bacillus, a microbe which breeds in the organs and destroys the animal tissues." Call quickly for a germ-destroyer. Let the sprinkler come into play. Let us disinfect ourselves in view of the terrible bacillus, for he stalketh forth in the night and the noonday sun doth not defeat his purposes.

Suppose an eminent scientist makes the discovery that microbes are scavengers, and that instead of destroying life they help on the economy of Nature. What is the theory of disease to be imagined in this case? The diseases of humanity are incidental to the mortal or dying state. It is the aim of Koreshanity to overcome mortality. This is a greater thing than to find out a cure for tuberculosis, the dread foe to human life.

The history of medicine shows it is empirical. Sometimes it effects a cure, or is supposed to cure. The drug system has its uses, but to reach a state where no drugs are needed is the aim of the most important science—the science of immortal life.

### ~General Contributions~

#### THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS.

The Coming New Order of Civilization; the Factors of the Great Transformation; The Pivot and Pole of the New Movement.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN in earth is an order of civilization under the dominion of thoroughly scientific artists deified. In such artists, Arch-natural in form and functions, the celestial, spiritual, and natural degrees of mentality, perfectly developed as such, unite to form the supernatural for the highest expression of what they love and live to do in the natural world of men and things visible to the natural eye. These workmen, creators of the divine ideals of art, genuinely cultured Nature, are temples of the Elohim, the highest order of intellectualities, coördinated by affections for the perfection of all things creatable, and who possess eternally the keys of knowledge. These keys they commit from age to age to responsible Mediators

for their useful exercise on various planes of being, of which the different orders of mortal civilization in their perfection are precipitations and typical expressions.

The natural expression of all things celesto-spirito-natural in ultimates, is brought forth by the chief Artist, Builder, and Maker, who is to his people as God, being known to them as the first-fruits of the planting of the Word made flesh and sown in the humanity of this present evil world for the life of a world to come. As the Founder of a new civilization in the domain of space and time, the scientific Artist appears among men as a man distinguished primarily by his unique use of the plumb-line, the square, and the compass. Having determined the form and functions of the physical universe, his material pediment, to be that of a great cosmic egg, he has proceeded to locate its *vitellus* and has planned to elaborate within it as a new world nucleus, a city, beautiful from every stand-point. The uncomely within it is but a challenge to him to construct the comely and make the barren earth to rejoice. As a scientifically instructed man-God, whose steps are ordered of the Lord—the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and therefore the fulfilment of the law—he will legitimately pursue his way in the rectification of all wrongs by the restitution of all the rights of men to become as Gods knowing good and evil.

The pathway of this genuine Scientist will be as the light of the sun, inasmuch as he is the stellar center of the new divine cosmic order to proceed from the *vitellus* of the cosmic egg. The Almighty never makes a new world out of nothing; but as the possessor of the keys of knowledge, he does know his own universe, and out of his own *known things*, visible and invisible, he does create new worlds or cosmic orders, anthropotic and geologic. The Almighty "laughs" when he sits in his "new heavens," at man's "calamity" occasioned by the timely destruction of the old heavens and the old earth—he being in the anticipation of the joy of making all things new, and of leading captivity captive and giving gifts unto men.

The rich debris of an old worn-out natural cosmos, like the present effete competitive system and its environment, smelling to heaven as it does, from the moral and mortal rottenness of its mental imbecility, just suits the Almighty as soil for the creation of a new Garden of Eden. He declares that all things are now ready for the new heavens to become manifest in a new earth. The old heavens and the old earth are passing away with a great noise of wars and rumors of wars, and a rapidly increasing number of signs and lying wonders. The "fruits of the spirit" are to materialize as men in the flesh of Christ,—genuine artist workmen, thoroughly furnished for all good works in accordance with the doctrine and life of the Lord our Righteousness, the New Jerusalem, whose projected Sun, the Reaper of the harvest, is the Sign of the Son of Man, and the Messenger of her final covenant of God with man, to confer upon him the fulness of her Godhead bodily, by giving him the image and likeness of the Gods, such as were borne by the Lord Jesus.



Jehovah said to the elect heirs of his glory: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." His kingdom was not to be made of his own era or cosmic order, but of the one to follow it, for which the Christian era, beginning with his natural birth, furnished the soil for his own body, the holy Seed, the spiritual fruit of which, holy spirits, his own spirit indwelling in humanity would attract to and involve in itself. Now, at the end of his era, his prayer that all might be gathered into one should be found fulfilled. The one chosen Vessel into whom all should be gathered, himself as God Almighty included, was foretold to be the Shepherd of the sheep, the Stone from Joseph, destined to perform all the divine pleasure in ultimates, and to become the fulfilment of all promises to the keeper of his commandments and the heirs to his throne.

"He that overcometh" is the heir of all the power of him, who, as the fulfilment of the law, declared, "I and my Father are one." "I go unto my Father." He went to the Father by the coördinating processes of involution and evolution. As the Woman is the glory of the divine Man, and inseparable from him in his ascent into the heavens of his eternal life, where he is, there is She the Lord our Righteousness, in whom he finds rest from his labors, while his works do follow after to the praise of his glory. The Shepherd of the sheep is not hard to find by those whose understanding of the law and the prophets the Lord Jesus opened nineteen hundred years ago. Today they are as his descendants, lovers of his appearing and kingdom. They seek immortality and eternal life, and are even now ripening for its attainment by a practical belief in his name—his new name foretold by the law and the prophets, for whom he comes as the chief Prophet, the foretold Father-God of Jehovah, Elijah.

Elijah is foretold to come at the end of the Christian era to restore all things; and as knowledge constitutes the foundation of all power, all restoration to divine righteousness, he must come as the Prophet or Teacher of the genuine science of Universology. The universal Word (God) was made to be flesh and descended into hell, that mortal men might know him and become immortal by doing his commandments. The Messiahship of the Elijah is foretold in the prophetic description of CYRUS, the Shepherd and Stone of Israel, who is to perform all the divine pleasure, and in that also of the Messenger of the Covenant described by Malachi. The blessings upon Joseph and his sons indicate the ultimate seed, fulness, and sign of the Gentiles, who is to fulfil the promises and perform *all* the divine pleasure in earth. This labor of love requires the complete establishment of the kingdom of the Gods as immortal men in the earth.

Immortals are created by the transforming of mortals. The transforming power is the quickening spirit of the Father, Elijah the Prophet, the Sign of the Son of man in heaven. The power is imparted as water and as fire. The water is the applied science of regeneration; and the fire, destructive to all iniquity, is kindled by the theocrasis of the personality of the Messenger of truth, who conjoins God with man and man with his Maker—the constructive and vitalizing forces of the universe as involved in the Motherhood of God Almighty, the glory to be revealed.

## THE ESSENTIAL PERSONALITY OF DEITY.

Koreshanity Emphasizes the Truth in Contrast With the Vagaries Promulgated Throughout Christendom.

WALTER BARTSCH.

MODERN PHASES of thought on religious subjects are numerous and diversified. There is a veritable confusion of mental tongues, so to speak. Among uncivilized races we find believers in the competency of the fetich to shield and save from harm; the invokers of imagined protective and salvatory powers derived from innumerable kinds of idols; those who are said to pray to trees or stones; those who deify rivers, the ocean, fire, and the sun.

Among civilized races we have people who denominate themselves individualists, believing that God is an inherent factor of their own personal being, regardless of the fact that they are filthy through use of tobacco, whiskey, and other degrading mediums. Agnostics exist who claim that nothing can be proven or known of life, or anything in fact.

The worst phase, however, is that most prevalent and detrimental vagary of the Christian world—the God "without body and without parts"—infinite, unlimited, and unknowable. This conception naturally gives the universe, from their stand-point, the same qualities of infinity or illimitability. It is this special chimera with which we wish to deal.

The first consideration in question is: Has anyone in the natural world ever seen a thing without body or limitation? It is possible to present a multitude of objects with definite bounds of length, breadth, and thickness. Who will bring to our notice one thing having existence without these concomitant qualities? Build a house of bricks and the result will be a brick house. Build a universe of things that have form, and the completed structure will possess form and limitation. If the universe contains all, it must necessarily reach its limit when everything has been encompassed and comprehended.

The material side of the cosmos is not all there is in creation, however. If matter were unchangeable there could be no impulse, no life. There is a spiritual side of existence, the result of the transmutation of matter. The two are interconvertible. Matter depends upon the destruction of spirit and its materialization. Spirit depends upon the destruction of matter and its translation to the corresponding essence or spirit. The constant exchange of these correlatives constitutes a pulsation or breathing, as it were, which gives balance to existence.

Spirit, or energy, never works outside of matter. The amount of force and activity in spirit depends entirely upon the quality of elaboration through material bases. Mind being spirit, must depend upon matter for its generation. The Creator then, must, in order to think, have brains as the tangible substance from which to generate mentality. If God has material brains they must naturally be active in a natural body. God, then, is personal.

Wherever we find the man who reveals the laws and proofs of universal being, there we find the natural, tangible Savior. The God of modern Christianity therefore, has no foundation in fact; it is a prodigious fallacy to be assiduously avoided.





## In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



FIRE AND FROST AND FLOOD are a few of the most external elements and factors of destruction with which the people of the Koreshan Unity have had to contend in years past. These natural elements frequently reduce to ruin in an hour that which has required time and means and energy to construct and develop. But every form of destruction has its use. It cannot be denied that forms of disaster have contributed to the ultimate success of many peoples. The news goes out to the world that the Koreshan Unity has recently sustained loss by fire. The San Carlos Hotel at St. James City, with adjoining buildings, burned on early morning of July 26. The buildings and most of their furnishings were reduced to ashes in a brief space of time. The loss sustained by the Koreshan Unity in the conflagration is perhaps as much as \$20,000; probably much more would be required to replace all that was burned. The Institution at St. James City was but a branch of the main Koreshan settlement in Florida; the hotel was located on Pine Island, about twenty miles from the location of our Headquarters, the heart of the town of Estero. The property destroyed constituted but a small portion of our possessions in this part of the State. The loss may be considered a heavy one, but it is not irretrievable. From the ashes of the recent conflagration there will spring something greater and more useful in the development of our work. We may be encouraged by the striking instances of the rising of the phoenix from its own ashes, afforded in the examples of Chicago, Baltimore, and Jacksonville. No one looking upon the blackened ruins created by fire passing over these cities, failed to feel deep regrets that so much valuable property should be laid in waste. But thrift and energy have long since reared upon the sites of desolation, the great temples of finance, industry, and commerce. Fire but removed the old structures far more rapidly than could have been done by contractors and wrecking companies. The great disasters by fire and other elements are often blessings in disguise. Stimulation to greater activity places a business or an institution upon a better basis than ever before. The Koreshans are not mourning over their loss. For the time being we realize the effect of the fire; in years to come we may point to this time as the beginning of more earnest endeavor to build up and maintain the Koreshan Institutions in the South. Notwithstanding the loss by fire, the Koreshan Unity stands upon a firmer basis, with greater possessions and greater courage, than ever before. Adverse elements in both the physical and human spheres do not seriously retard the progress of the Koreshan System and its Institutions. Less than two years ago, when we removed from Chicago to Estero, we owned a few hundred acres of Florida soil; and we brought to this point one of the best equipped printing establishments in the State. Since coming to Florida the development of our work has been surprising to many people. In this time we have invested over \$60,000 in factors of future development that will ultimately yield enormous results. We have built up a town; we own nearly 8,000 acres of land, and today are

clear of all indebtedness. We have a credit established, a standing in the business world; our force and energy are recognized, and our work in general is admitted to be a great factor in the advertisement and development of Lee County. Against all odds the Koreshan Institutions succeed. The records of Koreshan progress will some day read like records of miracle. When its destiny is reached it will be comparatively easy for one to follow the path of progress, and note here and there the causes and consequences of various events, all arranged in beautiful harmony—the harmony of necessity and the rhythm of possibility, the music of joyous advance to victory. The Leader of the Koreshan movement is a marvel of courage; he is daring and dauntless, a man of strength, a man of deeds. Seeing ultimate success and victory from the present position and point of our progress, he but smiles at adversity, and he imbues and endows his people with the spirit of advancement despite obstacles which may, from one side or the other, be thrown in our way. Fire is one of the great factors by which the world is to be revolutionized. The coming great conflagration is one of the themes of KORESH; that fire will be one of great adversity to old institutions, to the spirit and life of the old world; but it will purify, remove dross, and destroy debris; and from the burning of the old world, the new forms will rise, phoenix-like, the true type of the resurrection.

The subject of the education of business men is discussed in one of John Brisben Walker's characteristic editorials in the *Cosmopolitan*; but what he says may be applicable to the education of general classes of people. A number of good suggestions relative to education is given, and it is even pointed out that a knowledge of the universe is essential: "It goes without saying that the nearer one comes to Truth—that is, to a clear understanding of the conditions which surround us—the more certain is he to achieve happiness, the more certain to accomplish results. If the youth starts out in a fog of deception, his every effort must be hampered. If he comprehends but dimly the causes at work about him, he is likely to deceive himself and to deceive others. Therefore, in the acquisition of knowledge, comes first and fundamentally some comprehension of the universe. As a preliminary accompaniment to business training there should be brief studies of the known facts, first concerning the universe, and secondly, of our own globe. If one starts in ignorance of things which concern all life, there will be endless groping in the dark." For many years the Founder of Koreshanity has pointed out the necessity for a true comprehension of the physical cosmos, as an essential basis of all science; but many people have said that the form of the cosmos makes no difference with knowledge or attainment in practical lines. Here is an editor advocating that a knowledge of the universe is necessary even to a business man. In the study of the character of the Almighty Cause of the cosmos, the physical world certainly should be studied—for the character of the



great effect portrays the character of the great Cause. Once let the form and function of the universe be understood, and the many problems which now confront the scientific world will find satisfactory solution. The importance of the Cellular Cosmogony in this connection is clear. Numerous unsolved problems confront the modern scientists because they do not possess a knowledge of the cosmos; they know nothing concerning the universe as a whole. They are ignorant of its character. They start in ignorance of the things which concern all life, and there is a groping in the dark. In the education of the young, a start is made in a fog of deception, and efforts in every direction are hampered. The scientists do not pretend to have discovered anything certain relative to the character and extent of the cosmos. They are on a voyage of discovery, they say. They are searching everywhere for some clue to the solution of the great mystery. Of astronomical photography, Professor Serviss says that the final result of present efforts in that line "will be to produce a photographic chart of all that portion of it [the Milky Way] visible from our latitudes, and the study of such a chart may furnish the *key* that astronomers have sought for centuries to the *organic structure* of the universe."

The editor of the *Scientific American* concludes that "the universe is alive, is a living organism. This is familiar also; it was said in India many thousands of years ago, and has teemed on the pages of all Aryan literature since. None gave it attention, thinking it to be a vagary of some poet." And then he adds: "It is a wonderful thing to be upon a mountain and watch the scientific literature change. \* \* Circulation throughout the universe is rigid proof of conservation. Radiance is manufactured on the surface of suns. Radium is all right, and does not conflict with conservation. It receives and pays out like suns. So does everything else. The radiations of most phases of matter are too feeble to be detected by present means. For the words action and reaction are equal. They ought to go into the new Principia thus: Action and return are equal." This means that everything that is given out by the sun must return to it. It should be known by any thoughtful mind that no such return could be made without a *limited cosmos*, without the reflex action of a universal circumference. The conception of such a universe is found in the Cellular Cosmogony. The universe *is* alive; it is an organism. KORESH taught this long ago, not because it was suggested by Orientalists, but because he discovered the laws of the existence and perpetuity of the universe, and demonstrated its form, which is cellular. It is turning out that the ancients knew far more than the modern scientists. An Eastern sage has said: "The first lesson this taught us was, that we did not live *on* the earth, but *WITHIN* the earth, at the line of liquid and gaseous changes, where the three forms of matter meet and mingle and interchange with each other. We saw that we lived in a narrow belt, or skin, of the earth, not more than 100 miles thick, perhaps not more than 10 miles." The writer of the above also makes an arraignment of modern science, as follows: "There can be no system of metaphysics without a solid foundation of physics. The idea is unthinkable. The one

grows out of the other. It is its life, its flower, its fruit. You have no western system of physics. Your physics are without form and void; patchwork, constantly changing. There is no substantial foundation for any system of metaphysics. What you say or do in physics is fragmentary or chaotic." No such charge can be brought against the Koreshan System, because it is integral; and as indicated by numerous utterances in the secular and scientific press, in the pulpit and reform field, Koreshanity is giving a powerful impetus to the world of thought. The source of the powerful impulse will ere long be recognized; the rising Sun will soon be observed by the millions!

A Bonaparte in the cabinet of the President of the United States, and at the head of the American navy, is significant. The new secretary of the navy is a grandson of a brother of Napoleon Bonaparte, who himself has had to do with American affairs in the acquisition and sale of the Louisiana territory. The ambition of Napoleon was not satisfied on the throne of France, neither was his destiny reached at St. Helena. A work that Napoleon has to do is more vital and universal than that performed at the beginning of the nineteenth century. During the past decade or so, the memory of Napoleon has revived; there has been a marked demand for Napoleonic literature. Millions of people are interested in the study of the character of the great Corsican. If the march of empire is westward, it follows that the *spirit of empire*, comprised of the entities or the spirits of great men, is transposed from east to west. Every indication points to the fact that the spirit of Napoleon is in America, though by the world unknown and unrecognized in his present embodiment. A Bonaparte in the President's cabinet and at the head of the American navy suggests that the spirit of the greater Bonaparte is here, and that the spirit of imperialism is active in the West.

A paragraph, said to have been excluded from the Gospels by some church authority, has often been commented upon. It is thought by some to be spurious, but it was doubtless rejected on account of the inability of some minds to grasp any definite thought or meaning in regard to it. It may or may not have been in the original manuscripts of the Gospels; but in any case a truth is expressed, which can only be perceived from the Koreshan point of view. The excluded verse is as follows: "And when the Disciples asked him again, and yet again, when it should come, Jesus answered: When the two shall be one, and that which is without shall be as that which is within, and the male shall be with the female, and there shall be neither male nor female; then is the kingdom of God come." The two are made one flesh in the divine marriage, the unity of the male and the female in one personality or form, the immortal biune beings. The kingdom of God is in the manifestation of this order, called the Sons of God. Originally, according to the Record, God made man male and female, in his own image and likeness.

The pivot and fulcrum in mechanics are analogous to the polar point in life. A pole is a point of conservation and application of energy.



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## The Great Light of Universology.

"Can it be that this is the channel to the haven for which my weary soul is longing? And if it is, am I able to follow on in the path? Is it through your honored journal that I am to come into touch with my Creator, the Almighty God? Would that these questions might be answered in my unsettled mind."

Thousands are destined to ask themselves such questions as the above in the near future. The importance of the truth of Koreshanity will more and more engage the attention of progressive minds, until conviction settles on the nation and the world that the message of KORESH, involving the general and specific knowledges of the universe, the Cause and contents of the cosmos, is the absolute truth. The final triumph of Koreshanity is inevitable.

The above questions are asked by a physician who has read THE FLAMING SWORD for the past year. "Can it be that this is the channel to the haven for which my weary soul is longing?" Why not? Present possible rest for the mind is in the conviction of the certainty of the truth of demonstrated science and the authority of the Mind able to reveal the science of the universe to a world in darkness. The time is ripe for the manifestation of the greatest truth of the ages. The dawn of the new day is due; and every event of the hour, every sign of the times, points to the new Orient. The prophets are numerous; there are many who claim to present the truth; the army of counterfeits is present; and their presence constitutes an evidence that the genuine Prophet with the genuine truth is in the world.

The shining light that has illumined the path of the just through the ages, has increased in brilliance more and more, until the magnitude of the Guiding Star is that of the "sun in his strength." The question of the verity of Koreshan Science may be determined by comparison with all else that claims to stand for or constitute truth in the world today. There is a marked contrast. Integral and alone, Koreshanity stands upon a *known and proven premise*; all others stand upon hypothe-

ses only. Nothing else embraces so much; nothing else involves the whole truth of all domains; nothing else reveals Deity scientifically and portrays his true character—the character of the perfect Man. All that the Bibles of all peoples contain; all that the symbols of the natural forms of the cosmos express; all that man reflects in his character and conduct; all that Life has written in all its modes of expression, comprise in mental aggregation and harmony, that synthesis of truth which the Founder of Koreshanity has brought to the people of this the closing period of the Christian dispensation.

THE FLAMING SWORD is a means of promulgation of such phases of Koreshan Science as may be received by thinkers of the present time. The fundamental principles of life and truth are presented. This publication is in itself not the channel; it but points to the Messenger who is himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life for those destined to constitute the factors of the new order. The time has come for the great rest, the great Sabbath; it is in the seventh manifestation of divine truth, in the seventh Messenger, the seventh Day of the march of the highest civilization.

More than thirteen years ago the writer of this article was called upon to face the issue as to the truth of the Koreshan System; and to our mind numerous questions were presented. Acceptance was finally inevitable. We have since seen Koreshan Science demonstrated and corroborated by many facts and processes. We have seen numerous difficult problems solved, and hundreds of difficult questions satisfactorily answered from the stand-point of the principles of Koreshanity.

For years also, we have written upon subjects covering a wide field, ranging from the science of the atom to the blazing central sun; from the smallest forms of life, to the perfect life of Deity; and from the vidual man to society and government. Naturally, there have been suggested to us thousands of things, the consideration of which from the basis of logic applied

to known facts, must have ere this led to a discrimination and preception of truth to such a degree that establishes Koreshanity in our minds according to an *unalterable conviction* as to the *absoluteness* of its premise and conclusions.

Personally we have rejoiced in the great light of Koreshan Universology. Has the mind been baffled in its endeavor to conceive the truth? Koreshanity gives its strength through the light of its truth. Is the soul weary from its long march through the centuries? Even those faint from hunger and thirst, revive upon observing the approach of rescuers. The suggestion that Koreshanity is the absolute truth ought to give stimulus to the thousands and the millions. "Am I able to follow on in the path?" Truth is mighty and must prevail against the enemy on behalf of every one willing to obey the principles and laws of life. This is not the day of faith, but of knowledge; not the day of waiting, but of activity. We have reached the valley of decision.

## MODERN FREE THOUGHT.

### The Fallacies and Superstitions of Modern Science Published in Newspapers.

In Shakespeare's day the strolling players were the "abstract and brief chronicle of the time"—a function nowadays performed after a fashion by our newspapers. And judging from our newspapers alone, surely there will be historians of some future time who will after study of these records label the age in which we live the age of credulity, the age of superstition in the name of "science."

We put in evidence the articles in the daily newspapers on the matter of "Life" and its supposed creation by "scientists." A year ago the *Herald*—*facile princeps* in this sort of thing—raked up one Doctor Littlefield of Alexandria, Indiana, and claimed that with a little sugar, alcohol, salt, and other simple chemicals, he had created various living things in the form of bugs. Last Sunday it resurrected the whole thing again, with last year's plates including portrait of Doctor Littlefield—if there be such a man at all! This year the *Herald* was able to add to Doctor Littlefield and his "chemical bugs," the Cambridge professor and his "radiobes," which with the inevitable reference to Professor Jacques Loeb and



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## THE WEEKLY NEWS-DIGEST.

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### Important Foreign News.

In the line of the proposed peace parley between Russia and Japan, the latter nation moves cautiously, for fear of Russian tricks. The Russian affairs are watched closely by Japan; in some quarters in the empire it is thought that the Czar is not sincere, but playing for time in which to place his army in better fighting condition. In the West, however, the general opinion is that the Czar will be willing to pay for peace on Japanese terms, if peace can be obtained in no other way.

Recent blocking of the mouth of the Amur river by Japanese warships, looks to continuation of warlike movements until the Washington conference. The war news from Manchuria is very meagre.

Both Korea and China clamor for representation at the peace conference this month. Korea wants to send two representatives, and China insists on being consulted regarding Manchuria.

The Chinese boycott of American goods is now said to be in force, instituted for the purpose of retaliation against the exclusion laws in the United States.

Bands of Bulgarians attack several Turkish towns, committing indiscriminate murders. The number of victims is said to be large.

An attempt was made last week to assassinate the vice-governor of Finland. A bomb was thrown, but fell short of the mark.

The Czar visits the Kaiser on board the imperial yacht, and the press of Europe speculates as to the results.

France proposes using influence for Russia in securing "satisfactory" terms of peace from Japan.

The Japanese envoys are in America, ready for the conference.

### Happenings In America.

The prolonged hot waves in the northern states cause increased mortality in the great cities. In New York alone last week, over 200 deaths occurred from heat.

The officials of the Equitable Insurance Company announce plans by which the

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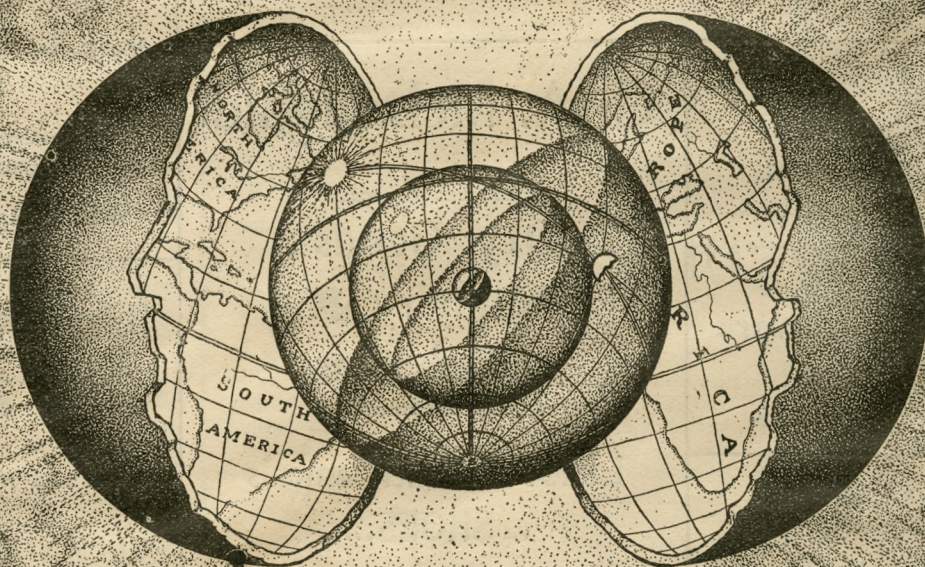
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